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SUBJECT: ECUADOR DOES NOT RECOGNIZE KOSOVO'S INDEPENDENCE

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[1](#)B. B) QUITO 52

Classified By: DCM Jefferson Brown for Reasons 1.4 (B&D)

[1](#)1. (SBU) PolOff met on June 27 with Marisol Nieto, MFA Acting Director General of Multilateral Affairs, during which poloff asked about the GOE's decision regarding Kosovo's independence.

[1](#)2. (C) Nieto said that the GOE's official position is to not recognize Kosovo's independence. No formal announcement has been made. Despite the fact that several letters from presidents and foreign ministers had been sent to President Rafael Correa and Foreign Minister Maria Isabel Salvador in support of Kosovo's independence, and that President Correa's initial inclination was to recognize Kosovo (ref B), the GOE continues to believe that the political process to determine the best solution for Kosovo had not yet run its course.  
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